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Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Company	Dennis Ware			
OGM	Joe Helfrich Environmental Scientist III			

Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070038		
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL		
Inspection Date:	Friday, February 18, 2005		
Start Date/Time:	2/18/2005 9:30:00 AM		
End Date/Time:	2/18/2005 2:00:00 PM		
Last Inspection:	Wednesday, January 26, 2005		

Inspector: Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Cloudy snow fluries
InspectionID Report Number: 538

Accepted by: whedberg 2/27/2005

Permitee: PLATEAU MINING CORP

Operator: PLATEAU MINING CORP
Site: WILLOW CREEK MINE

Address: 847 NW HWY 191, HELPER UT 84526

County: CARBON

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

Current Acreages Mine

Total Permitted	14,670.00	
Total Disturbed	161.55	
Phase I		
Phase II		
Phase III		

✓ Federal	✓ Underground
State	Surface
County	✓ Loadout
✓ Fee	Processing
✓ Other	Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The purpose of this site visit was to conduct a partial inspection of the Willow Creek facility. Except for the Crandall canyon reclaimed area the site is accessible.

Inspector's Signature

Date

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III Inspector ID Number: 1

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.



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REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable. b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
 Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	✓		✓	
2.	Signs and Markers	~		✓	
3.	Topsoil				
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions				
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments				
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures				
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring				
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives				
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches				
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments				
8.	Noncoal Waste				
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage				
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading	✓		✓	
13.	Revegetation				
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.8	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.	Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations				
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other				

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1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

A general overview of the three phases of reclamation was discussed with Mr. Ware. Since the Willow Creek site was incrementally, bonded the phases of bond release will probably follow the same suit. According to Mr. Ware the application for the first phase of bond release will be prepared and submitted to the Division this year.

2. Signs and Markers

Signs with the required information were posted at access points to the Willow Creek reclaimed site. As of the date of this inspection, access to the Crandall Canyon reclaimed area was not feasible due to the snow depth on the access road.

12. Backfilling And Grading

The small area behind the shop buildings is beginning to dry out. The area was saturated with snow that melted quickly causing some of the depressions to fill in prematurely. The relatively small area approximately 0.1acres is fairly steep which will require hand crews to re-establish the depressions. Additional seeding is also scheduled.